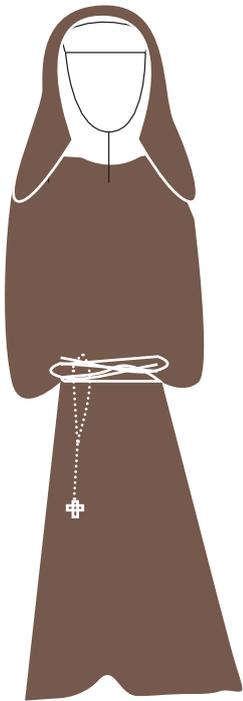


St Mary Mackillop Costume

Materials

- Brown fabric 2 x the height of Mary plus 1m extra (3-4m total)
- 1m white fabric for head covering and sash.
- Needle and thread
- Snap buttons or pins (2)
- Rosary beads x 1



Instructions

Step 1 Dress: Set aside 1m of the brown fabric for the veil. Take the remaining fabric, fold in half and cut a slit for Mary's head.

1. Dress



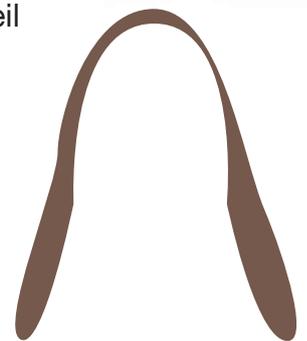
Step 2 Wimple: Take 50cm of the white fabric. Fit it to Mary's head and mark the position of the darts (at Mary's temples). Fix these darts with a few stitches. Fit the wimple onto Mary's head and mark the position of the snap buttons (or pins). Fix in place.

3. Sash



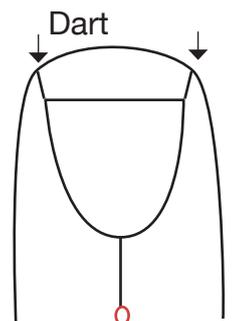
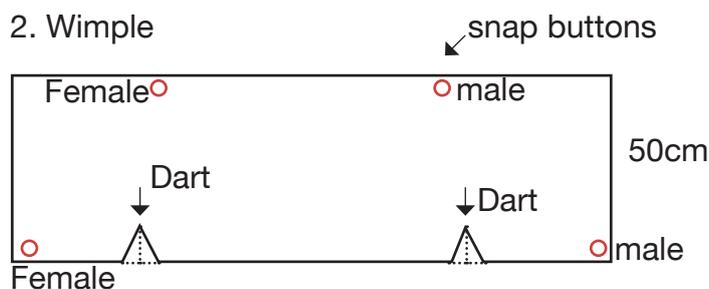
Step 3 Sash: Use the remaining white fabric to make a sash. Tie the sash around the waist, inserting the rosary beads before tying off.

4. Veil



Step 4 Veil: Position the veil on Mary's head.

2. Wimple



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The script can be used with a single actor telling the story or broken into parts for a class performance

Cast

- Mary MacKillop
- Alexander MacKillop (father)
- Flora MacKillop (mother)
- 8 Siblings
- 2 girl cousins
- Fr Tenison Woods
- 4 x Sisters of St Joseph
- 5 x School Children
- Bishop
- Pope
- 15 young women

Costumes

- Mary, Sisters of St Joseph: habits
- Children (siblings, cousins, school children) in simple clothes, brown and white, no shoes.
- Fr Woods: in black shirt with priest white collar
- Bishop: Black satin (full length dress), big cross, bishops hat.
- Pope: White satin, big cross, pope's hat
- Young Women: brown or white dresses, black shoes

Mary Mac: Good Morning Children, and may God bless you!
My Name is St Mary of the Cross and this is my story.

I was born Melbourne in 1842

Enter Mary's Parents & Siblings

My Parents were Scottish migrants, and I was the eldest of 8 children.

Sibling 1: We MacKillop children had a hard life- mostly due to our fathers many business failures

Sibling 2: Poor man he tried hard

Sibling 3: We couldnt afford school

Sibling 4: But Father was an excellent teacher.

Sibling 5: He taught us how to read write and add up!

Mary Mac: When I was 14, I began work as a clerk to support the family. Later, when I was 18, I went to Penola to be the governess of my cousins.

Walking across stage enter cousins running around and fighting

My Golly they were wild! But I soon had them in shape!

While I was in Penola I met Fr Woods

Enter Fr Woods

We got on famously.

Fr Woods: Good Morning Mary!

Mary Mac: Good Mornig Father

Fr Woods: I think I've found a site to start our school

Mary Mac: That's wonderful Father! When can we start?

Fr Woods: It's not much, just an old stable but I'm sure it will do the job!

Mary Mac: I'll get right on preparing the lessons!

Enter school children in stable sitting on floor facing the nun teaching them. Children could chant the alphabet or times tables.

Mary Mac: In 1867 we founded the Sisters of St Joseph. I was the very first sister and the first Mother Superior.

I was only 24 at the time.

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Props

- Boiled lollies
- Boat out of card board (class project)
- Old typewriter
- Tomb stone

Sister 1: Within 2 years, there were 127 nuns and 17 schools.

Sister 2: Mary loved teaching and the children loved her and all the sisters.

Sister 3: Most of them had no chance of getting an education except from us.

Sister 4: We were very busy!

Mary Mac: One of my little tricks was to reward the children with small sweets which I carried in my pocket.

(Mary gives sweets to the children as they exit the stage)

Sister 1: Things were going really well until the Bishop called Mary in...

Bishop: (Loud bossy voice)
Sr Mary come in here.
I would like to discuss matters concerning the sisters.
They are just a little too brazen for my taste and some of them can barely read themselves.
Something must be done about it immediately!

Sister 2: The Bishop wanted to take control of the order, but Mary wouldn't hear of it.

Sister 3: We were devastated about what happened next.

Bishop: Excommunication!

The bishop points at Mary and she goes to edge of the stage and kneels in prayer

Mary Mac: It was the darkest time in my life but I kept my faith even though I had to leave the sisters and could not go to Mass.

Sister 4: Thank God the bishop changed his mind 8 months later just before he died.

Mary Mac: After this, it was clear I needed to speak to the Pope to have our rule officially approved. In those days there were no telephones so I set sail for Rome.
(Boat arrives carried by backstage hands. Mary gets onto boat, is carried across the stage and gets off, approaches Pope and kneels)

Fr Woods: Mary put her case to the Pope and he agreed! The Sisters of St Joseph were now formally approved by Rome.



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- ***Alternative Ending:**

Goodness me! Is that the time?
Now that I'm a saint, everyone
wants to talk to me about their
problems.
Better run. See you soon!

Pope blesses Mary. Young women enter stage

Young woman 1: Before returning to Australia, Mary visited Scotland and Ireland.

Young woman 2: There she found 15 young women who agreed to join the order in Australia.

The 15 women and Mary get into boat and it crosses the stage

Young woman 3: Over the next decade, we set up convents and schools right across Australia and New Zealand.

Young woman 4: Mary was visiting New Zealand in 1901 when she had a stroke. It left her paralysed on her right side.

Mary collapses and put into a wheel chair or bed, with typewriter

Young woman 5: At first we thought she wouldn't be able to write to the sisters but she learnt to write with her left hand to use a typewriter.

Young woman 6: In 1901 Mary died in Sydney. There were 750 sisters in the order. People came from all over to pray at her tomb and they still do today!

Mary leaves bed. People gathered around Mary's chair/bed

Mary Mac: I love to hear their prayers and now that I have the ear of God himself, I put a good word in for them.

Mary looking at clock

*Look at the clock, goodness me! Is that the time?
I'm going to have to run. I have a huge party to get ready for. The Pope and most of the Bishops and the sisters from Australia will be there. You see I'm being made into a saint on Oct 17th 2010
Better run. See you soon!



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